

Venice, Italy

PRE-CRUISE VACATION STRETCHER

JUNE/JULY 2025

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Built on over 118 islands linked by canals and bridges, this “City of Water” has no roads, only waterways like the iconic Grand Canal, lined with Renaissance and Gothic palaces. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Venice is filled with romance, culture, and artisanal treasures.

At the heart of the city, you'll find Piazza San Marco, home to St. Mark's Basilica with its mesmerizing Byzantine mosaics, and the Campanile Bell Tower, offering breathtaking views of Venice's red-tiled rooftops. Wander through Venice's historic streets, discovering charming shops and galleries, each revealing a bit more of the city's artistic soul.

Choose one of our pre-cruise Vacation Stretchers—either 3-nights at the Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione or 2-nights at Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal—complete with our custom schedule of tours, which are sure to show you the best of what Venice has to offer. We've chosen an excellent tour operator in Venice, and you will be able to explore Venice exclusively in the company of other Olivians!

We have a limited number of pre-cruise Vacation Stretcher packages available, and we expect them to sell out quickly.

DEADLINE TO BOOK: March 1, 2025 or until sold out.

3-NIGHT VENICE (JUNE 29-JULY 2, 2025)

\$2,769 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY—RUN OF HOUSE ROOM

\$3,799 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY—RUN OF HOUSE ROOM

INCLUDED

- 3-night stay at the Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione (June 29-July 2, 2025)
- Hotel check-in is at 3 pm on June 29; checkout is at 10 am on July 2
- Full buffet breakfast (June 30, July 1 & 2)
- St. Mark's Basilica & Venice Orientation Walking Tour with Skip the Line entrance into St. Mark's Basilica (June 29)*
- Private Mask Making Workshop (June 30)
- Afternoon tour to Murano, Burano & Torcello Islands with Dinner (July 1)
- Doge's Palace & Its Secret Itineraries with Skip the Line entrance and transfer to ship (July 2)
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Round-trip hotel luggage portage
- All entrance fees, tours in deluxe air-conditioned motor coaches, bottled water on coaches, audio headsets, and professional English-speaking guides and drivers
- Team Olivia assistance throughout

2-NIGHT VENICE (JUNE 30-JULY 2, 2025)

\$2,199 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY– SUPERIOR GOLDEN LEAF ROOM

\$2,899 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY– SUPERIOR GOLDEN LEAF ROOM

INCLUDED

- 2-night stay at the Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal (June 30-July 2, 2025)
- Hotel check-in is at 3 pm on June 30; checkout is at 10:30 am on July 2
- Full buffet breakfast (July 1 & 2)
- St. Mark's Basilica & Venice Orientation Walking Tour with Skip the Line entrance into St. Mark's Basilica (June 30)*
- Afternoon tour to Murano, Burano & Torcello Islands with Dinner (July 1)
- Doge's Palace & Its Secret Itineraries with Skip the Line entrance and transfer to ship (July 2)
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NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare, transfer from airport to hotel, gratuities to guides and boat drivers, meals where not listed

**The St. Mark's Basilica & Venice Walking Tour, including Skip-the-Line entry to St. Mark's Basilica, will depart from the hotel at 3 pm on June 29, for the 3-night package, and June 30, for the 2-night package. To participate, please ensure you arrive at the hotel before the tour departure time.*

ACTIVITY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS BOTH 3- AND 2-NIGHT PACKAGES – IMPORTANT

This pre-package requires a HIGH LEVEL of mobility. Venice is a pedestrian-only city with no vehicle access in the areas we will be touring, making this experience unsuitable for guests with limited mobility. Due to the nature of the streets, we regret that we are unable to accommodate guests using walkers, wheelchairs, or scooters. All tours involve extensive walking over cobblestone streets, uneven ground, and stairways, as well as prolonged periods of standing.

If you have mild mobility limitations but feel confident in meeting these activity requirements, please ensure you are accompanied by someone who can assist you as needed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in making this a comfortable and enjoyable experience for all.



Venice Canals



Venice, Italy



St. Mark's Basilica

ABOUT YOUR TOURS

ST. MARK'S BASILICA & VENICE ORIENTATION WALKING TOUR WITH SKIP THE LINE ENTRANCE (JUNE 29 FOR THE 3-NIGHT PACKAGE & JUNE 30 FOR THE 2-NIGHT PACKAGE)

After arriving, checking in, and refreshing yourself, you'll set out on a short walking tour of Venice, including a visit to the stunning St. Mark's Basilica. This tour offers a perfect introduction to the charming, winding pedestrian streets of this romantic city.

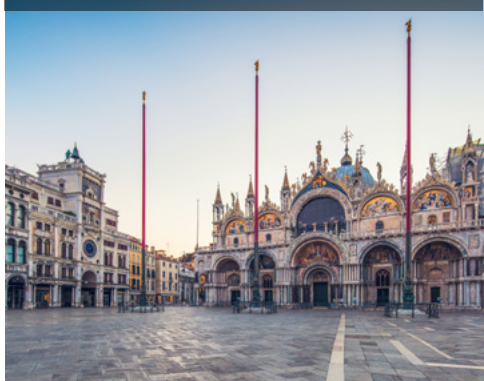
Begin your exploration as we visit some of Venice's iconic sites. St. Mark's Basilica, an intricate 11th-century Byzantine masterpiece adorned with marble and mosaics, stands proudly overlooking St. Mark's Square—Venice's social, religious, and political heart. For over fifteen centuries, Piazza San Marco has housed some of the world's most magnificent architecture and hosts important events, including Venice's renowned carnival.

With your "skip-the-line" entrance ticket to St. Mark's Basilica, you'll bypass the waiting crowds and enjoy a guided tour of this famous church, adjacent to the Doge's Palace. After exploring the basilica, you'll pass beneath the Doge's Palace, where you can admire and photograph its noble exterior, facing the lagoon.

Next, as you walk through the streets of Venice, you'll be effortlessly immersed in the city's cultural tapestry—from the historic seat of power at Palazzo Ducale to the artistic elegance of La Fenice and the vibrant energy of the Rialto. This journey through Venice's rich history and traditions reveals the captivating essence of this timeless city.

The evening is free for you to explore Venice on your own.

St. Mark's Basilica



St. Mark's Square



Doge's Palace



PRIVATE MASK MAKING WORKSHOP (JUNE 30)

After enjoying a relaxing breakfast, you will meet your escort in the hotel lobby, who will guide you to your private mask-making venue in the historic center of Venice. Upon arrival, you will be warmly welcomed by the mask artisans, who will share the rich tradition and history of Venetian masks before you begin your workshop.

Venetian masks have a centuries-old legacy, primarily associated with the Carnival of Venice. Historically, they have been used to conceal the wearer's identity or social status, often during lavish or discreet activities. These iconic masks have been part of Venice's culture since antiquity.

You'll have the opportunity to choose from a variety of handmade papier-mâché masks and decorate your selection using the different techniques demonstrated by the local artisans. This will result in a unique mask that serves as a true Venetian souvenir!

After crafting your own Venetian mask, you can either walk back to the hotel with your escort or venture out to explore more of Venice on your own. You will have the remainder of the day to soak in the sights and experiences this enchanting city has to offer!



Venetian Masks



Venetian Paper Mache Mask Moulds



Carnival

AFTERNOON TOUR TO MURANO, BURANO & TORCELLO ISLANDS WITH DINNER (JULY 1)

Today you will have time to enjoy and explore Venice on your own before meeting your guide who will take you to meet your boat and driver for your tour out into the lagoon to visit the islands of Murano, Burano and Torcello.

Murano, famous for its glassmaking, started as a commercial port in the 7th century and became a thriving trading center by the 10th century, complete with its own currency and police force. In 1291, the Venetian Republic required glassmakers to relocate to Murano due to fire risks posed by Venice's wooden buildings. This relocation granted glassmakers privileged status, including immunity from prosecution and the ability for their children to marry into noble families.

Today, Murano remains a hub for traditional glass production, offering exquisite glassware, mirrors, and lampshades. During your visit to a glassmaking factory, you'll learn about the craft, enjoy a demonstration, and have time to shop for unique pieces.

Next, you'll explore Burano, known for its brightly painted houses and beautiful lacework. The house colors follow a specific approval system, allowing residents to request government-sanctioned colors for their homes. Burano's economy is primarily driven by tourism, attracting visitors eager to sightsee and purchase lace goods.

Torcello, settled in 452, is older than Venice and is often referred to as its parent island. Known for its stunning Byzantine mosaics and beautiful views, you'll enjoy a ten-minute walk to the main plaza, passing the narrow, railing-free Devil's Bridge, built in the 15th century. Before leaving Torcello, enjoy a wonderful dinner at the Osteria al Ponte del Diavolo, featuring a rustic atmosphere with wooden ceilings and terracotta walls adorned with Venetian bas-reliefs.

After your delightful dinner, you'll take the boat back to Venice and your guide will walk you back to your hotel!



Murano Glassware



Burano



Torcello

DOGE'S PALACE & ITS SECRET PASSAGEWAYS WITH SKIP THE LINE ENTRANCE & TRANSFER TO SHIP (JULY 1)

This morning, after enjoying a delicious buffet breakfast at your hotel, you will gather in the lobby to meet your guide for a walk to Doge's Palace and its Secret Itineraries.

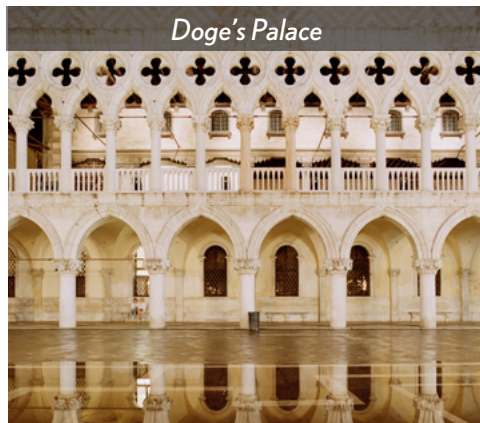
Doge's Palace, a prominent landmark in Venice, was constructed in the Venetian Gothic style and served as the residence of the Doge, the supreme authority of the former Republic of Venice. It became a museum in 1923.

This architectural masterpiece showcases a blend of Gothic, Renaissance, and Mannerist elements, featuring layers of ornate building details from the 14th and 15th centuries.

During your visit, your tour will focus on the grand institutional rooms of the Doge's Palace, adorned with magnificent paintings, sculptures, and decorative elements that once framed the powerful magistrates of the Serenissima. Through an engaging and interactive experience, you'll gain insight into the inner workings of the complex state system of the Venetian Republic and explore the rich iconography crafted to uphold and celebrate the enduring myth of Venice. The tour also includes a brief visit to the iconic Bridge of Sighs and the adjacent New Prisons.

After your visit to Doge's Palace, you will be taken to your boat for your short ride to the port to board your ship, the Wind Surf, and bid farewell to Venice!

Please note that, in some cases, the different rooms in Doge's Palace are small and on different levels that are connected by steep and narrow stairs.



ABOUT YOUR HOTEL

SPLENDID VENICE - STARHOTELS COLLEZIONE (3-NIGHT PACKAGE)

With its central yet tranquil location just steps from the iconic St. Mark's Square and Rialto Bridge, Splendid Venice offers guests an authentic Venetian experience.

The hotel features stunning canal views and a private dock for gondolas and water taxis, showcasing a beautiful blend of rich colors, luxurious fabrics, and exquisite design pieces. For a taste of Venetian glamour, dine at our Restaurant Le Maschere, where Executive Chef Massimo Livan presents a menu of fine local classics with an eclectic twist. In the summer evenings, savor the mixologist experience in the panoramic rooftop Altana, the perfect setting for an unforgettable aperitif.

On-site amenities include Restaurant Le Maschere, a bar lounge, Altana-Terrace Bar, Room Service, complimentary WiFi throughout the hotel, coffee/tea in common area, lobby fireplace and library.

In-room amenities include smart television, hair dryer, in-room safe, Illy espresso coffee machine, electric kettle, complimentary WiFi, sound-proofed rooms, climate control, minibar, robe and slippers, pillow menu, and turndown service.



Private Dock



La Fenice Lounge



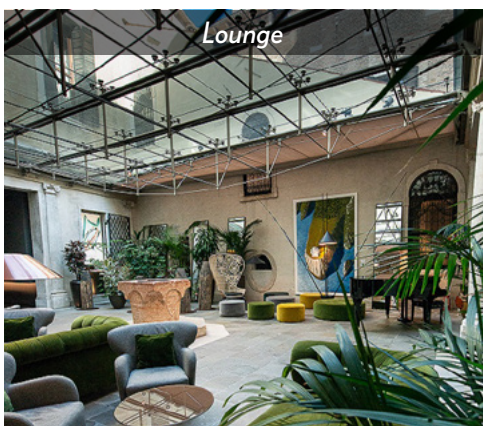
Run of House Room

HOTEL MONACO & GRAND CANAL (2-NIGHT PACKAGE)

Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal welcomes you inside a historic building from the early 1600s located in the heart of Venice, a few steps from St. Mark's Square, its Basilica and the Doge's Palace. With its stunning view on the Grand Canal, it offers direct access through its exclusive and scenic "water gate".

On-site amenities include Ristorante Grand Canal, a bar lounge, coffee shop, Room Service, complimentary WiFi throughout the hotel and laundry facilities.

In-room amenities include LCD television, hair dryer, in-room safe, complimentary wifi, soundproofed rooms, climate control, minibar, bathrobe, and turndown service.



Lounge



Ristorante Grand Canal



Superior Golden Leaf Room

NEED MORE INFO?

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Cancellation Policy: Olivia Companies, LLC is required to honor their contractual agreements with hotels, ground operators, and other outside vendors; therefore, the following cancellation fees apply: All Vacation Stretcher packages are non-refundable. A handling fee of \$75 will be charged for any name changes to hotel and tour packages. Your booking/payment for Vacation Stretchers with Olivia Companies, LLC indicates your compliance with the above policies.

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